

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1191 - SB 1640

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from \$0.10 to \$0.12 the mileage rate that counties are authorized to pay jurors.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$100,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Under current law, local governments have the option of paying jurors a combined \$11 per day for jury service and mileage. This bill will have no fiscal impact on counties that elect to pay the flat rate of \$11 per day.
- Twenty-eight counties responded to the 2008 survey regarding jury pay conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee staff. Of those counties, 18 indicated a reimbursement rate of \$0.10 per mile or less.
- Sixty-five percent of counties currently reimburse jurors at 10 cents per mile. The number of jurors summoned for jury duty statewide is 50,000 per year (an average of approximately 525 per county). Each juror is paid for an average of five days of service in the jury pool and drives an average of 20 miles round-trip per day. The increase in reimbursement for these jurors is two cents per mile. A total of 5,000,000 juror-miles will be reimbursed at an increase of two cents per mile for a total permissive increase in reimbursement costs of \$100,000 ($50,000 \times 5 \times 20 \times \$0.02 = \$100,000$).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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